

Indiana Dunes State Park

1600 N. 25 E. Chesterton, IN 46304 Park Office (219)926-1952 Nature Center (219)926-1390
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March & April 2005

The Nature Center is currently closed
for air quality testing.
The reopening date is unknown.

PLEASE NOTE:

Programs are free of charge (except as noted) and open to the public after paying the park entrance fee.

Park entrance fee is \$4 for in state vehicles, \$8 for out-of-state vehicles.

All programs begin promptly at scheduled times.

PARENTS: Children under 14 must be accompanied by an adult.

<http://www.interpretiveservices.in.gov>

Location Information:

NCD = Nature Center Deck PAV = Pavilion WIL = Wilson Shelter

Saturday, March 5

11:00 a.m. **BEACH WALK** – Thousands of people fill up the beach on a summer day, but not very many of them visit the beach in the winter. Be one of the few, as you join us for a walk today. We will look for ancient creatures and alien invaders! Dress for the weather – the shoreline can be very cold and windy in early March!!! **PAV**

Sunday, March 6

11:00 a.m. **CSI: OWLS** – Have you ever wondered what owls eat? Do you know what an owl pellet is? This is your opportunity to find out. A short talk will introduce you to the common owls that can be found in Indiana. Then you will do a hands-on investigation of an owl's meal! **WIL**

Sunday, March 13

11:00 a.m. **TRIVIA HIKE** – How wide is Lake Michigan? What is the J.D. Marshall? What does the word "Tremont" mean? Where can a cactus be found in the park? Learn the answers to these questions (and more!) as we play a guessing game on our hike this morning. **PAV**

Sunday, March 20

11:00 a.m. **CSI: SCAT** – Join us for this brand new version of Critter Science Investigation! Become a detective, and learn to identify animal scat during this fun program. **WIL**

Saturday, March 26

11:00 a.m. **CSI: BIRDS** – It is easy and fun to learn to identify local birds. Meet on the Nature Center deck to participate in a critter science investigation about birds. Expand your knowledge while using your detective skills to discover which birds visited the deck this morning. **NCD**

Sunday, March 27

11:00 a.m. **DISCOVERY HIKE** – There is always something new to discover in the dunes! We will take magnifiers and binoculars with us, as we set out to discover some of the life of the dunes. We will be out for about 30 minutes. Dress for the weather! **PAV**

Saturday, April 2

8:00 a.m. **FRIENDS OF INDIANA DUNES ANNUAL NATIVE PLANT SALE**
- 1:00 p.m. Start planning your gardens now! The Friends of Indiana Dunes will host the 9th Annual Native Plant Sale at Indiana Dunes State Park. Purchase native plants for your yard, and support environmental education and interpretation in the dunes! As in years past, the plant sale will be held at the large Beach Pavilion in the main parking lot of the state park, just north of the entrance gate. Again this year, pre-orders will be accepted, to insure that customers get exactly what they desire for their yards. For more information, contact the park at (219) 926-1952 **PAV**

Saturday, April 16

11:00 a.m. **CSI: OWLS** – This is your opportunity to investigate the remains of an owl's meal! A short talk will introduce you to local owls, and then you will do a hands-on investigation of an owl's meal. You will even have the chance to match the bones you find to a chart, to discover what "your" owl ate for dinner. If you have never seen an owl pellet, this is an experience you will not want to miss! **WIL**

Sunday, April 17

11:00 a.m. **NATURE'S NECKLACE** – Learn how to make a necklace from natural objects! Please bring pliers, if available. **NCD**

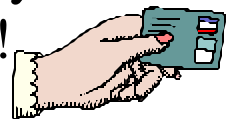
Sunday, April 24

11:00 a.m. **CSI: BIRDS** – Do you want to perform a cool science investigation about birds? Use your knowledge and detective skills to discover which birds visited the deck this morning. **NCD**

Do you visit the park more than 6 times a year?



Buy an annual pass and save money!



In-state annual pass \$26 Out-of-state annual pass \$32

Golden Hoosier Passport \$13

Passes can be purchased at the park office or main gate.

